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SUBJECT: FORMER MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER JOINS JP

1. FORMER IZMIR MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER, RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL CEMAL SUER, OFFICIALLY JOINED JUSTICE PARTY MARCH 9. SUER NOW LIVES IN IZMIR AND IS BOARD CHAIRMAN OF YENI KARAMURSEL DEPARTMENT STORE. PROSPECT IS THAT SUER WILL BE JP CANDIDATE FOR SENATE.
2. SUER'S FORMAL ADHERENCE TO JP WAS EXPECTED. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AFTER HIS FORCED RETIREMENT IN AUGUST 1972 THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATION AND EASY

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FAMILIARITY WITH LEADING LOCAL JP FIGURES, SUCH AS MAYOR KIBAR, COST SUER HIS FOURTH STAR AND FLEET COMMAND.

3. WE REPORTED EARLIER (IZMIR 61), JP ATTEMPTING TO BOLSTER IMAGE IN AEGEAN THROUGH RECRUITMENT OF
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WELL- KNOWN LOCAL PERSONALITIES. CAMPAIGN HAS
CAUSED SOME GRUMBLING IN LOWER ECHELONS OF PARTY,
HOWEVER, FROM THOSE WHO SEE HIGH LEVEL INFUSIONS
AS EFFECTIVE BLOCK TO THEIR OWN ADVANCEMENT IN
PARTY APPARATUS AND POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENTER
PARLIAMENT.

4. LEFTIST NEWSPAPER DEMOKRAT IZMIR DESCRIBED
ENTRY INTO JP OF FORMER IZMIR PROPONENT OF MARCH 12
MEMORANDUM AS CYNICAL ACT WHICH CAST SHADOW ON
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.
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